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Texas Reading Club 2016 Suggested Reading List



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2016 SUMMER READING CLUB BIBLIOGRAPHY

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BR or BT = braille book

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DT = Digital book on cartridge produced by Texas Talking Books

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LB = large print book



Preschool to Grade 2

365 CUENTOS Y RIMAS PARA NINAS (365 STORIES AND RHYMES FOR GIRLS)

A collection of short stories and whimsical verses for young girls. Spanish language. 2005.

DB 80966

365 CUENTOS Y RIMAS PARA NINOS (365 STORIES AND RHYMES FOR BOYS)

A collection of short stories and whimsical verses for young boys. Spanish language. 2005.

DB 77970

ABC BUNNY

GAG, WANDA

When an apple crashes from a tree, a little bunny dashes for elsewhere, scampering through every letter in the alphabet on his journey. **PRINT/BRILLE.**

Newberry Honor book. 1933.

BR 16043 DX 30798



ARRORRO, MI NINO: LATINO LULLABIES AND GENTLE GAMES

DELACRE, LULU

Fifteen traditional Latin American nursery rhymes and songs, some with finger-play activities, are presented in Spanish with English translations. **PRINT/BRILLE.** Pura Belpre Honor Book.2004.

BR 17011

CUENTOS DE LAS BUENAS NOCHES

LEPMAN, JELLA

Presenta veintiseis cuentos antiguos y nuevos que se cuentan a los ninos a la hora de dormir. Escritos por ninos y adultos. (Collection of twenty-six bedtime stories, some newly invented and some handed down from generation to generation, written by grownups and children.)1967, C.1951.

DX 14483

DANCE, TANYA

ICHIKAWA, SATOMI

Tanya loves ballet dancing; when her older sister practices her pirouette and arabesque, Tanya watches her and practices, too. Her mother says that she is too little to take ballet lessons, but when her sister goes to her lessons Tanya loves to go along and watch. **PRINT/BRILLE** 1989.

BR 07948



FARMER IN THE DELL: A SINGING GAME

RAE, MARY MAKI

This traditional singing game originated in the Middle Ages, and was brought to America in 1883 by West German immigrants. Includes music and instructions for playing the ring game. **PRINT/BRAILLE**. 1988.

BR 07933

IN THE TALL, TALL GRASS

FLEMING, DENISE

Hummingbirds sip, bees hum, ants lug, moles scratch, beetles hurry, fireflies glow, and much, much, more as we tour the tall, tall grass with a fuzzy caterpillar.

PRINT/BRAILLE. 1991.

BR 08945



MAMA GOOSE: A LATINO NURSERY TREASURY/UN TESORO DE RIMAS INFANTILES

ADA, ALMA FLOR

A sampler of traditional Spanish lullabies, finger- plays, nursery and jump-rope rhymes, riddles, and songs. Includes an introduction in English and the poems in Spanish and English. 2005.

DX 60627

MUU, MOO! RIMAS DE ANIMALES/ANIMAL NURSERY RHYMES

ADA, ALMA FLOR

A selection of Spanish-language animal-themed nursery rhymes and English poetic renderings. Based on traditional folklore from Spain, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Argentina, and Central America. Includes "El Gallo Espolon," "El Burro," "Los Sapitos," "Cri-Cri," and "La Lechuza." A bilingual book in Spanish and English. 2010.

DB 71668

ONE FISH, TWO FISH, RED FISH, BLUE FISH

SEUSS, DR

A story-poem about the activities of such unusual animals as the Nook, Wump, Yink, Yop, Gack, and Zed. **PRINT/BRILLE**. 1960.

BR 08990 DB22796

TEN LITTLE FINGERS AND TEN LITTLE TOES

FOX, MEM

Babies born in different countries and in different circumstances have in common ten little fingers and ten little toes. Rhymed text. **PRINT/BRILLE**. 2008.

BR 18039

Kindergarten to Grade 3

AMERICA'S CHAMPION SWIMMER: GERTRUDE EDERLE

ADLER, DAVID A

A short biography of an American who loved to swim as soon as she learned how at age seven. Describes her achievements, including three medals in the 1924 Olympics and becoming the first woman to swim the English Channel in 1926.

PRINT/BRAILLE. 2000.

BR 13081

ANGEL'S KITE

BLANCO, ALBERTO

A young boy makes a kite that mysteriously restores a long-missing bell to the town church. Bilingual in English and Spanish. Americas Award for Children's and Young Adult Literature--Nominee. 1994.

DT 07094



BEE-BIM BOP!

PARK, LINDA SUE

A young girl helps her mother shop for food, cook the meal, and set the table for her favorite Korean dish--bee-bim bop! A story in rhyme. Contains step-by-step instructions for a child and an adult to prepare this rice dish topped with vegetables and meat. **PRINT/BRAILLE.** 2005.

BR 16048

BUSY BODY BOOK: A KID'S GUIDE TO FITNESS

ROCKWELL, LIZZY

An introduction to the human body, how it functions, and its need for exercise. Includes suggested activities to keep your body busy, healthy, and strong. **PRINT/BRAILLE**. 2004.

BR 16018

FIREBIRD: BALLERINA MISTY COPELAND SHOWS A YOUNG GIRL HOW TO DANCE LIKE A FIREBIRD

COPELAND, MISTY

American Ballet Theater soloist Misty Copeland encourages a young ballet student, with brown skin like her own. She teaches her that, with practice and dedication, the little girl could become a firebird too. **PRINT/BRAILLE**. 2014.

BR 21065

FLYING SOLO: HOW RUTH ELDER SOARED INTO AMERICA'S HEART

CUMMINS, JULIE

Biography of Ruth Elder (1902-1977), who wanted to be the first female to fly across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927. Recounts Elder's first attempt that ended in a crash and the cross-country race that Ruth and nineteen other women entered. 2013.

DB 77844

FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME: MICHAEL JORDAN AND ME

GREENFIELD, ELOISE

Inspired by basketball star Michael Jordan, a child vows not to listen to naysayers, but rather to boldly choose a path in the game of life and to pursue it with determination. **PRINT/BRAILLE**.

BR 11035

GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE

ANDREAE, GILES

Gerald the giraffe is too clumsy to dance with all the other animals at the Jungle Dance, until he finds the right music. Commercial audiobook. 2008.

DB 79890

HERE COMES THE STRIKEOUT

KESSLER, LEONARD P

The story of a young boy who changes from an "easy out" to a game-winning hitter. 1965.

LB 03491

HOW TO TRAIN WITH A T. REX AND WIN EIGHT GOLD MEDALS

PHELPS, MICHAEL

Michael Phelps describes his six years of physical training to win eight gold medals in swimming at the 2008 Olympics. Measures his eating in calories and pizzas, his swimming practice in meters and miles, and winning his last race by a fingernail!

PRINT/BRAILLE. 2009.

BR 19007

JUMANJI

VAN ALLSBURG, CHRIS

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and thrilling jungle adventure board game. Caldecott Medal. 1981.

BR 05317 DB 50700 (BARD)



KICK, PASS, AND RUN

KESSLER, LEONARD P

Football terms and rules are tackled in a comical, easy-to-read story of two animal teams imitating the Giants and the Jets. 1966.

BR 03640 LB 03303

MOSES GOES TO A CONCERT

MILLMAN, ISAAC

Moses and his classmates, who are deaf, go to a concert with their teacher.

Performing with the orchestra is a percussionist who is also deaf. **PRINT/BRILLE.** 1998.

BR 12011

NADARIN (SWIMMY)

LIONNI, LEO

A little black fish swam through the sea until he found a group of fish he could join. They formed a school of fish in the shape of one big fish for protection. The little black fish became the eye. Spanish language. 1973.

DT 00257

NINO WRESTLES THE WORLD

MORALES, YUYI

Lucha libre champion Nino has no trouble fending off monstrous opponents, but when his little sisters awaken from their naps, he is in for a no-holds-barred wrestling match that will truly test his skills. **PRINT/BRaille**. 2013.

BR 21026

PELE, KING OF SOCCER/PELE, EL REY DEL FUTBOL

BROWN, MONICA

Biography of Pele, who, as a poor child in Brazil, made an unlikely promise to his father, later leading the country to three World Cup victories and scoring over a thousand goals in his remarkable soccer career. **PRINT/BRaille**. English/Spanish language.

BR 19040

RAINBOW JOE AND ME

STROM, MARIA DIAZ

Eloise loves to paint pictures in bright colors that she describes for her elderly blind neighbor Rainbow Joe. Joe tells her he too can make colors sing and promises one day to show her his own special way with them. And one Sunday, for a surprise, he does just that.

PRINT/BRaille. 1999.

BR 13091



SWIMMY

Author: LIONNI, LEO

Swimmy is the only black fish in a school of little red fish who live in a corner of the sea. One day a big fish comes along and eats all the little red fish, but Swimmy, who can swim very fast, escapes. He is very sad, until he starts meeting all the other wonderful creatures in the sea. **PRINT/BRILLE.** 1973.

BR 11004

THOMAS JEFFERSON BUILDS A LIBRARY

ROSENSTOCK, BARB

A celebration of Thomas Jefferson's lifelong love of reading. Describes Jefferson gobbling up books "the way a starving man eats" and selling more than 6,500 of his to the Library of Congress after its original collection was destroyed during the War of 1812. 2013.

DB 77680

Grades 2 to 4

AGAINST THE ODDS

LAYDEN, JOE

Inspirational, true-life stories of eight NBA players. 1997.

BT 03636

BOY AND A JAGUAR

RABINOWITZ, ALAN

Autobiography of a wildcat conservationist. Author discusses his lifelong struggle with stuttering and how his love of animals helped him to communicate better and propel him into a career in wildlife advocacy. **PRINT/BRILLE.** 2014.

BR 21015 DB 82083



DAD, JACKIE, AND ME

UHLBERG, MYRON

Brooklyn, New York; 1947. A boy learns about discrimination and tolerance as he and his deaf father share their enthusiasm over baseball and the Dodgers' first African American player, Jackie Robinson. **PRINT/BRAILLE**. 2005.

BR 16354

GOING FOR GOLD!

DONKIN, ANDREW

Provides a brief history of the Olympic Games and discusses six sporting events that are part of the Games. Includes information on athletes in each sport, including track legend Jesse Owens, gymnast Kerri Strug, and tennis champ Jennifer Capriati.

BR 12816



GYM SHORTS SERIES

BASKETBALL BATS: GYM SHORTS, BOOK 1

HICKS, BETTY

The Tigers basketball team challenges Henry and his four friends--Goose, Rocky, Rita, and Jazz--to a match. Determined to win, Henry hogs the ball, but his teammates don't like it. 2008.

DB 69443

GOOF-OFF GOALIE: GYM SHORTS, BOOK 2

HICKS, BETTY

Best known as a goof-off, Goose dreams of playing goalie on the soccer team. His athletic friend Henry helps Goose with special practice sessions to improve his skills, but then Henry is grounded for getting bad grades. 2008.

DB 70257

SWIMMING WITH SHARKS: GYM SHORTS, BOOK 3

HICKS, BETTY

Rita wins a race for the Dolphins swim team but wants to be a Shark like Jazz, Henry, and Rocky. Rita begins practicing flip turns to improve her speed and has such a hard time that she wonders if she should quit swimming or keep trying. 2008.

DB 70264



TRACK ATTACK: GYM SHORTS, BOOK 4

HICKS, BETTY

Jazz loves being on the track team. She also loves her father, but not at her track meets. When her dad challenges a ref's call, he goes too far. 2009.

DB 70255

DOUBLES TROUBLES: GYM SHORTS, BOOK 5

HICKS, BETTY

Henry wants to win the doubles tennis trophy and pressures his partner Rocky to improve his game. Meanwhile top student Jazz expects Henry to do his part on their joint history project. Henry learns about good sportsmanship on and off the court. 2010.

DB 71767

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JULIAN'S GLORIOUS SUMMER

CAMERON, ANN

Seven-year-old Julian is looking forward to a summer of fun with Huey, his little brother, and Gloria, his best friend, until Gloria shows up with a new bike! Now Julian must find a way to avoid Gloria so that she will not know that he is afraid of bikes. For grades 2-4.

BR 07447

MARTIN BRIDGE: IN HIGH GEAR!

KERRIN, JESSICA SCOTT

Two stories. In "Science Fair" Martin's group includes Gibson, who is not a team player. In "Bicycle" Martin's brand-new bicycle is stolen, but he learns valuable skills by volunteering in a shop that recycles bikes for kids in need. 2008.

DB 67317



ROBERTO CLEMENTE

RUDEEN, KENNETH

A biography of Puerto Rico's baseball hero, the Pittsburgh Pirate who lost his life performing a final act of generosity. 1974.

BR 02632

SPOTLIGHT FOR HARRY

KIMMEL, ERIC A.

Story based on childhood events of Harry Houdini (1874-1926), who became a famous magician and escape artist. Describes Harry and his brother Dash learning to walk a tightrope after going to the circus with their family for the first time. 2009.

DB 70365

STARS IN THE SHADOWS: THE NEGRO LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME OF 1934

SMITH, CHARLES R.

A story in rhyme recounts the second Negro League baseball all-star game in Chicago. Recaps each of the nine innings in which legendary players such as Satchel Paige, Cool Papa Bell, and Turkey Stearnes brought fans to their feet. 2012.

DB 74753

TO THE TOP! CLIMBING THE WORLD'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN

KRAMER, S.A

Mount Everest in Asia is the highest mountain in the world, and in 1953 Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay hoped they would be the first men to reach its peak—the top of the world. Each had dreamed of climbing the dangerous mountain, where just a slip of the foot can send a climber ten thousand feet below to death, and together they met the challenge. 1993.

BR 10059 DB 40184 (BARD) DX 40184



YIKES! BIKES! READY, FREDDY! BOOK 7

KLEIN, ABBY

Freddy's class is riding in a bike-a-thon to raise money for a pet shelter. Freddy bets Max, the class bully, that he'll ride more laps than him. But Freddy doesn't know how to ride a two-wheeler--and the race is only two weeks away. 2006.

BR 16968

Grades 3 to 6

ABLE TO PLAY: OVERCOMING PHYSICAL CHALLENGES

STOUT, GLENN

Profiles four professional baseball players: pitcher Mordecai Brown, who lost a finger in a farming accident; third baseman Ron Santo, who dealt with diabetes throughout his career; pitcher Jim Abbott, who was born without his right hand; and outfielder Curtis Pride, who was born deaf. 2012.

DB 74747

BASEBALL HEROES

STOUT, GLENN

Biographical sketches of baseball pioneers who fought prejudice to play: Hank Greenberg, one of the first Jewish players; Jackie Robinson, the first African-American in the major leagues; Fernando Valenzuela, a Latino pitcher from Mexico; and Ila Borders, the first woman on a men's college team. 2010.

DB 73057

BASEBALL SCIENCE

BOW, JAMES

Examines the roles of science and technology in modern baseball games, from developing the most efficient equipment and ball parks to strengthening athletes by improving training techniques and nutritional requirements. 2009.

DB 69741

CAM JANSEN AND THE MYSTERY OF THE BABE RUTH BASEBALL

ADLER, DAVID A

At the community hobby show Cam and Eric, her friend, test her photographic memory at the Babe Ruth exhibit. When the prized item, a baseball autographed by Babe Ruth, turns up missing, Cam's memory is put to a real-life test as she and Eric become super-sleuths in search of the thief. 1982.

BR 06992



GOOD GUYS OF BASEBALL: SIXTEEN TRUE SPORTS STORIES

EGAN, TERRY

Sixteen biographies describing men in baseball who exemplify some of the best traits an athlete can possess on or off the field: loyalty, decency, determination, and the willingness to work hard. Included are Don Wardlow, a sportscaster who is blind, and Jim Abbott, a pitcher who was born with only one hand. 1997.

BR 11625 DB 46409 (BARD)

GROW IT, COOK IT

Explains gardening basics. Recommends proper container sizes for growing tomatoes, eggplant, zucchini, pumpkins, beans, potatoes, carrots, onions, spinach, lettuce, mint, strawberries, blueberries, lemons, and sunflowers. Step-by-step recipes feature these fresh ingredients in stir-fry dishes, frittatas, muffins, pies, soups, carrots, onions, spinach, lettuce, mint, strawberries, blueberries, lemons, and sunflowers. Step-by-step recipes feature these fresh ingredients in stir-fry dishes, frittatas, muffins, pies, soups, and more. Parent participation necessary. 2008.

DB 67838



HENRY HUGGINS

CLEARY, BEVERLY

Hasta el tercer grado, muy poco le sucedia a Henry aparte de la operacion de las amigdalas y del brazo roto. Pero una tarde mientras chupa un helado, Henry se encuentra con un perro flaco que busca comida y casa. Spanish Language. 1950.

DB 58985

HENRY HUGGINS

CLEARY, BEVERLY

A tonsillectomy and a broken arm are the most exciting things in Henry Huggins' life until a hungry old mutt begs for Henry's ice cream cone and a home. 1950.

BT 02469 DB 35642 (BARD) LB 04239



HOCKEY SWEATER

CARRIER, ROCH

Like all the boys in a small Quebec town, Roch wears his ice-hockey hero's Montreal Canadiens sweater, number nine, until he outgrows it. He is horrified when his mother insists he wear the new Toronto Maple Leafs sweater sent in a mail order mix-up.

BR 13359 DB 51882 (BARD)

HORSING AROUND: CROSS-COUNTRY AND ENDURANCE; DRESSAGE; RODEO SHOW

The six books in the Horsing Around series are presented together. Each details the equipment, breeds, techniques, and rules for competitions associated with a particular horse event. Each contains historical facts and information on famous horses and riders. 2010.

DB 71156

LINEUP FOR YESTERDAY

NASH, OGDEN, 1902-1971

Collection of Ogden Nash's alphabetical poems of baseball legends, such as Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth. Includes player stats and biographical information. Originally published in 1949 in Sport magazine. 2011.

DB 75021



MUCHACHO QUE BATEABA SOLO JONRONES (THE KID WHO ONLY HIT HOMERS)

CHRISTOPHER, MATT

Sylvester Coddmyer III is such a bad baseball player that he decides not to try out for the Cardinals team. That is, until mysterious stranger George Baruth teaches him how to hit home runs every time he comes up to bat. Spanish language. 1978.

DX 60962

NFL'S GREATEST TEAMS, BOOKS 1-8

ZAPPA, MARCIA

Collection of eight books highlighting the history of the National Football League, the legendary teams, and their star players. The first part of this series includes Chicago Bears, Dallas Cowboys, Green Bay Packers, Miami Dolphins, New England Patriots, New York Giants, Pittsburgh Steelers, and San Francisco 49ers.

DB 80196

NFL'S GREATEST TEAMS, BOOKS 9-16

ZAPPA, MARCIA

Collection of eight books highlighting the history of the National Football League, the legendary teams, and their star players. The second part of this series includes Denver Broncos, Indianapolis Colts, Minnesota Vikings, New Orleans Saints, New York Jets, Oakland Raiders, Seattle Seahawks, and Washington Redskins.

DB 80707

SOCCER SAM

MARZOLLO, JEAN

Marco, Sam's cousin from Mexico, comes for a year-long visit. He loves sports, but he does not play basketball, or football, or baseball. Marco is a soccer star. He teaches the kids at school to play soccer too. 1987.

BR 07636



SWIMMING SCIENCE

BOUDREAU, HELENE

Explains the relationship between swimming and scientific principles such as buoyancy, gravity, thrust, and drag. Describes technology advances that help swimmers achieve faster times, including the use of wind tunnels and new fabrics for swimsuits. Discusses training exercises, stroke-refinement techniques, racing tactics, and pool enhancements.

2009.

DB 69744

TOP OF THE ORDER

COY, JOHN

Fifth-grader Jackson Kennedy lives for baseball and enjoys his friendship with three good teammates. The four guys forget about problems at home when they're on the field. But now they have to deal with a new team member--Gig's sister! 2009.

DB 69143

WE ARE THE SHIP: THE STORY OF NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL

NELSON, KADIR

Presents the history of Negro League baseball from its beginnings in the 1920s through its decline after Jackie Robinson moved to the major leagues in 1947 and broke the racial barrier. Discusses gifted athletes, discrimination, and the players' passion for the sport. 2008.

BR 18223 DB 66426



Grades 4 to 7

AT THE PLATE WITH—ICHIRO

STOUT, GLENN

Describes how Japanese baseball star Ichiro Suzuki left his native country in 2001 to turn pro in the United States. Ichiro eventually won the American League's Most Valuable Player and Rookie of the Year awards as a Seattle Mariner that same year. 2003.

DX 57250

BABE RUTH

STOUT, GLENN

Biography of one of the first players to be elected into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, George Herman "Babe" Ruth (1895-1948). Discusses his childhood delinquency, his professional career with the New York Yankees, and his home-run and pitching records. 2005.

BR 16067

BEISBOL! PIONEROS Y LEYENDAS DEL BEISBOL LATINO

WINTER, JONAH

Brief sketches of fourteen Latin American baseball players from 1900 to 1960, who pioneered the sport in their own countries and in the United States. Includes profiles of Jose Mendez, Luis Tiant, Bobby Avila, Minnie Minoso, Roberto Clemente, Juan Marichal, and Felipe Alou. Spanish language.

DX 54951



BIKE TOUR MYSTERY: NANCY DREW, BOOK 168

KEENE, CAROLYN

Nancy Drew and her girlfriends Bess and George travel to Ireland for a bike tour that includes teens from other countries. Once there they realize that the group is in danger from an unknown assailant. 2002.

BR 13962 LB 04987

DAVID BECKHAM: SPORTS HEROES AND LEGENDS

PENDLETON, KEN

Biography of British soccer star (born 1975). Covers his childhood, his sports training, and his early career with England's Manchester United. Discusses important games, such as the World Cup, and highlights his transfers to Real Madrid and the Los Angeles Galaxy. 2007.

BR 17956

EARL THE PEARL; THE STORY OF EARL MONROE

JACKSON, ROBERT B. (ROBERT BLAKE)

Short, overweight, and sidelined as a boy, Earl Monroe practiced and grew--until he eventually developed into one of basketball's most sensational stars. 1969.

BR 02071



GET THOSE REBOUNDS

ETTER, LES

Although he loves basketball, 16-year-old Rick is convinced he'll never attain the star status of his older brother. 1978.

BR 04235

GOAL! THE FIRE AND FURY OF SOCCER'S GREATEST MOMENT

STEWART, MARK

Traces the evolution of soccer, describes ten thrilling goals, and profiles top players from Steve Bloomer to Mia Hamm and Lionel Messi. Includes anecdotes, weird facts, and World Cup scoring records. 2010.

DB 71717

HAMMERIN' HANK GREENBERG: BASEBALL PIONEER

SOMMER, SHELLEY

Biography of Hall of Fame baseball player Hank Greenberg (1911-1986), who played for the Detroit Tigers in the 1930s and 1940s. Discusses early twentieth-century immigrant life in New York City, where Greenberg grew up, and the widespread prejudice the Jewish athlete endured.

DB 74437



HOW BASEBALL WORKS

THOMAS, KELTIE

Facts and figures about the basics of baseball, its rules, strategy, and history. Describes bats, baseballs, mitts, and uniforms. Explains a slugger's stats, a pitcher's throws, including recipes for spitballs and mud balls. Discusses great players, major ballparks, and even ballpark sounds. 2004.

BR 15898

IN THE GOAL WITH...BRIANA SCURRY

CHRISTOPHER, MATT

A biography of the former goalkeeper on the U.S. women's national soccer team who earned the nickname "The Rock." Describes Scurry's sports career through the end of the 1999 season. For grades 4-7. 2000.

BR 15066 DB 57867 (BARD)



IT ONLY LOOKS EASY

SWALLOW, PAMELA CURTIS

On the first day of seventh grade Kat takes someone else's bicycle to visit her dog at the animal hospital. When the bike is stolen Kat's reputation at school is ruined, especially when more bicycles disappear. She also learns responsibility and compassion during her struggles. 2003.

BR 15122

JACKIE ROBINSON: LEGENDS IN SPORTS

STOUT, GLENN

Biography of the first African American to play for a major league baseball team, the Brooklyn Dodgers. Recounts how Jackie Robinson (1919-1972) broke the race barrier in 1947 when segregation dominated American sports. Depicts his talent, belief in racial equality, and strength of character. 2006.

BR 16958

JANET LYNN, SUNSHINE ON ICE

ALTMAN, LINDA JACOBS

A biography of the Olympic skater who at age 20 signed a contract with the Ice Follies for almost a million and a half dollars. 1974.

BR 03101



KEEPING SCORE

PARK, LINDA SUE

Brooklyn, New York; 1950s. Nine-year-old Maggie, a Dodgers fan, listens to baseball games at the fire station, where Jim, a Giants fan, teaches her to keep a score sheet. But when Jim is drafted into the Korean War, he doesn't answer her letters. 2008.

DB 67449

KRISTY AT BAT: THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB

MARTIN, ANN M.

It is spring, and Kristy is looking forward to a great baseball season and to a week-long trip to a baseball camp with her stepdad, Watson. But everything begins to fall apart when she is suddenly dropped to second string on the Stoneybrook Middle School baseball team.

BR 11106

LONG BALL: THE LEGEND AND LORE OF THE HOME RUN

STEWART, MARK

Discusses the history of the home run and profiles the greatest hitters including Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, and Mark McGwire. Recalls the most famous home runs and presents little-known facts about the longest, shortest, and strangest. 2006.

BR 16700 DB 71099



MUDVILLE

SCALETТА, KURTIS

The rain that started twenty-two years ago during a baseball game that Moundsville was losing to rival Sinister Bend suddenly stops when Sturgis, a foster kid, moves into Roy's home. The boys resolve to form a new baseball team and break the supposed weather curse forever. 2009.

DB 70371

ON THE COURT WITH...SHAQUILLE O'NEAL

STOUT, GLENN

Describes the life and career of the basketball superstar and center for the Los Angeles Lakers up until the 2002 season. Tells how O'Neal became a professional player winning many awards and championships, including a gold medal with the U.S. team at the 1996 Olympics. 2003.

BR 15063 DB 57864 (BARD)

ON THE COURT WITH...YAO MING

STOUT, GLENN

Biography of the popular seven feet five inches tall basketball player from China. Discusses Ming's upbringing in Shanghai, his sports career, and his adjustment to living in the United States for the 2002-2003 season. 2004.

BR 16061



ON THE FIELD WITH...MIA HAMM

STOUT, GLENN

Biography of one of the top female soccer players in the United States. Describes how Mia Hamm helped her team win a gold medal in the 1996 Olympics and a victory in the 1999 World Cup championship. Includes a chronology of Hamm's career highlights. 1998.

BR 16814 DB 57997 (BARD)

ON THE ICE WITH...TARA LIPINSKI

STOUT, GLENN

Presents the life and sports career of Tara Lipinski from her early training in roller skating at age three, roller hockey at five, and ice skating at six. Describes Lipinski's experience competing for, and winning, the gold medal in figure skating at the 1998 Olympics. 1999.

BR 15068 DB 57856 (BARD)

ON THE MOUND WITH...CURT SCHILLING

STOUT, GLENN

Biography of Curt Schilling, the star pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks. Details his career from school days and the minor leagues to a series of teams in the majors, where he learned to work hard to perfect his game. 2004.

BR 15067 DB 58043 (BARD)



SASHA COHEN: SPORTS HEROES AND LEGENDS

HILL, ANNE E

Biography of American figure skater Sasha Cohen (born 1984). Describes her childhood and intense training regimen. Details her early career and her performances in the World Championships and Olympic Games, where she won a silver medal in 2006. 2007.

BR 17965

SWISH: THE QUEST FOR BASKETBALL'S PERFECT SHOT

STEWART, MARK

Traces the history of basketball from the 1800s to modern days, profiles sensational scorers from Buddy Jeannette to Charlotte Smith and Michael Jordan, and describes amazing shots from three-pointers to slam dunks. Includes unusual facts and men's and women's professional records. 2009.

DB 71716

TALL TALES: SIX AMAZING BASKETBALL DREAMS

SMITH, CHARLES R.

Six short stories about action on the basketball court. In "What Jo Did", "Jo" outperforms the big boys and really surprises them by being a girl. In "Walk Softly", the players respect Big John's jump shot even more after his sunglasses are accidentally knocked off, revealing his blindness.

BR 12812



TOUCHDOWN: THE POWER AND PRECISION OF FOOTBALL'S PERFECT PLAY

STEWART, MARK

Two-hundred-year history of American football includes descriptions of ten unforgettable touchdowns, profiles of outstanding players from Jim Thorpe to LaDainian Tomlinson, accounts of costly bloopers and amazing feats, and touchdown records. 2010.

DB 71739

TOUCHDOWN TROUBLE

BOWEN, FRED

Twelve-year-old Sam is proud that his touchdown in the final play of a game leaves his team undefeated. But when a video shows the touchdown was scored illegally, Sam and his teammates must decide whether to reveal the truth. 2009.

DB 71023

WINNERS TAKE ALL

BOWEN, FRED

Center fielder Kyle faces a moral dilemma when he cheats to win a championship baseball game. He takes the advice of his grandmother, an avid fan, and admits his fault. Later he wins for his coed team another shot at the title. 2000.

BR 13710 DB 52814 (BARD)



WORLD CUP

CHRISTOPHER, MATT

Profiles every World Cup competition ever played while sharing related historical and cultural information, and also provides information on the Women's World Cup. Commercial audiobook. 2010.

DB 79691



Grades 5 to 8

25 GREATEST BASEBALL PLAYERS OF ALL TIME

BERMAN, LEN

Panel of experts pick their favorite baseball stars. Discusses the players' statistics, best games, and personalities on and off the field. Includes early greats like Cy Young and Ty Cobb and later ones like Mike Schmidt and Alex Rodriguez. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2010.

BR 19260 DB 74531

FOOTBALL GENIUS SERIES

FOOTBALL GENIUS: A FOOTBALL GENIUS NOVEL

GREEN, TIM

Sixth-grader Troy can predict football plays before they occur and wants to use this ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons. But first he has to convince the team to take him seriously.

2007.

DB 68601



FOOTBALL HERO

GREEN, TIM

When twelve-year-old Ty's brother Thane is recruited from college to play for the New York Jets, their Uncle Gus uses Ty to get insider information for Gus's gambling ring. Now Ty and Thane are in trouble with the Mafia. 2008.

DB 72444

FOOTBALL CHAMP: A FOOTBALL GENIUS NOVEL

GREEN, TIM

Twelve-year-old Troy's uncanny gift for predicting football plays proves a powerful secret weapon for the Atlanta Falcons. But a seedy reporter with a grudge against star linebacker Seth Halloway suspects something illegal is going on and pursues Troy. Sequel to Football Genius (DB 68601). 2009.

DB 70019

BIG TIME: A FOOTBALL GENIUS NOVEL

GREEN, TIM

Twelve-year-old Troy always dreamed of meeting his father, but when the man appears at the victory celebration for Troy's football team, it turns into a nightmare. His mother's anger, his father's shady business dealings, and Troy's own feelings complicate matters. Sequel to Football Champ (DB 70019). 2010.

DB 71948



GIRL WHO THREW BUTTERFLIES

COCHRANE, MICK

Molly's father taught her to pitch a wicked "knuckleball" when he was alive. Now that pitch makes Molly the first girl on the boys' eighth-grade baseball team. Some boys resent her, but the catcher Lonnie becomes an ally and her best friend Celia stands steadfast. 2009.

DB 70303

HEAT

LUPICA, MIKE

Star pitcher Michael Arroyo is banned from Little League baseball because rival coaches don't believe he's only twelve years old. An orphan whose birth certificate is back in Cuba, Michael is on the run from social services because he fears separation from his seventeen-year-old brother, Carlos. 2006.

BR 17941 DB 62264 (BARD)



MILLION-DOLLAR THROW

LUPICA, MIKE

Eighth-grade quarterback Nate will win a million dollars if he completes a pass during halftime of a New England Patriots game. Nate's family needs the money and his best friend Abby needs help as she begins to lose her sight. 2009.

DB 71012

ROBERTO CLEMENTE

HANO, ARNOLD

A biography of the famous batter who died tragically on a mission of mercy on New Year's. 1973.

BR 02535

SIX INNINGS: A GAME IN THE LIFE

PRELLER, JAMES

Twelve-year-old Sam Reiser loved being on a baseball team. Even though cancer has forced him to use a wheelchair now, Sam still participates in the Little League championship as the game's announcer. With his best friend Mike Tyree playing, Sam becomes caught up in the action. 2008.

BR 18140

STUMPTOWN KID

GORMAN, CAROL

Holden, Iowa; 1952. Eleven-year-old Charlie Nebraska, whose father died in the Korean War, improves his baseball game with the help of Luther Peale, who played in the Negro Leagues. Charlie also learns the meaning of both racism and heroism. 2005.

BR 17996

**THROUGH MY EYES : A QUARTERBACK'S JOURNEY**

TEBOW, TIM

Autobiography of former University of Florida quarterback who won the Heisman Trophy as a sophomore in 2007. Highlights his Christian upbringing and homeschooling experience, efforts to deal with dyslexia, record-setting college career, and first pro season with Denver in 2010. 2011.

DB 76243

ULTIMATE GUIDE TO BASEBALL

BUCKLEY, JAMES

Presents facts and statistics about the all-American game--baseball. Covers the major league teams, the World Series, playing tips, and stars including Honus Wagner, Satchel Paige, Rickey Henderson, and Albert Pujols. 2010.

BR 19120

Grades 6 to 9

BASEBALL'S BONEHEADS, BAD BOYS, AND JUST PLAIN CRAZY GUYS

SULLIVAN, GEORGE

Profiles professional baseball players known for their quirky superstitions, pranks, and outrageous or illegal play. 2003.

BR 15710 DB 58852 (BARD)

BASKET CASE

PECK, ROBERT NEWTON

Higbee Hartburn, the foremost prankster at Graffiti Prep School, goes to great lengths to make sure the school wins the last basketball game of the season against Pratt Falls High. A good-humored tall tale about basketball, teenage life, and teenage love. 1979.

BR 06153

BIG STICK

GAULT, WILLIAM CAMPBELL

Ice hockey becomes a way of life for Rusty Rodd at the age of ten. Though he has plenty of talent, his greatest handicap is the redheaded temper he must learn to control to become a pro. 1975.

BR 03195



BOOST

MACKEL, KATHRYN

New to Rhode Island, six-foot-two eighth-grader Savvy Christopher tries out for an elite senior basketball team while her older sister Callie also feels pressure on the cheerleading squad. But Savvy's future looks bleak when a detective finds steroids in her gym bag. 2008.

DB 68462

BOX OUT

COY, JOHN

High school sophomore Liam is thrilled when he's asked to move up to the varsity basketball team. But Liam jeopardizes his new position by taking a stand against the coach for leading prayers before games and for enforcing team wide participation in religious fellowship sessions. 2008.

DB 69924

BOY WHO SAVED BASEBALL

RITTER, JOHN H

The fate of a small California town rests on one baseball game. The local team must win to prevent land from being sold to developers. Twelve-year-old Tom Gallagher hopes to achieve victory using the hitting secrets of a disgraced professional baseball player and a mysterious stranger. 2003.

BR 15146



BROOKLYN NINE: A NOVEL IN NINE INNINGS

GRATZ, ALAN

In 1845, Felix Schneider, a young German immigrant, watches Alexander Cartwright and the firefighting brigade play a bat-and-ball game that would eventually become baseball. Eight generations later, in 2002, Snider Flint comes into possession of an old handmade baseball with an "S" on it.

2009.

DB 68902

DON'T STEP ON THE FOUL LINE: SPORTS SUPERSTITION

SULLIVAN, GEORGE

Anecdotes describing some of the superstitions of athletes well-known in the sports field. They handle their forebodings with rituals that involve a teddy bear, favorite food, songs, lucky clothing, charms, and other precautions. Grade 1 braille. 2000.

BR 14389



DRAGON ROAD: GOLDEN MOUNTAIN CHRONICLES, 1939

YEP, LAURENCE

With the Great Depression making jobs scarce in San Francisco's Chinatown, high school graduates and best friends Cal "Flash" Chin and Barney Young join the Dragons, an all-Chinese American basketball team. As they barnstorm across the country, they face battles both on and off the court. 2008.

DB 68180

FARM TEAM: A BILLY BAGGS NOVEL

WEAVER, WILL

The high school baseball coach has hopes for Billy Baggs, but Billy's farm chores take priority over ball. Then Billy's father is sent to jail, and Billy knows his baseball days are over. But Billy's mother has an idea: Why not start a team that holds games Friday nights after chores? The odd assortment of players, including Billy's dog, are soon good enough to challenge the town team. 1995.

BR 10506 DX 64497

GAME

MYERS, WALTER DEAN

Harlem. African American high school senior Drew Lawson aims to go to college and play basketball for the NBA despite his mediocre grades. Rivalry begins when Drew's coach favors Tomas, a new white teammate from Prague. 2008.

BR 18088 DB 67450

GOOD IF IT GOES

PROVOST, GARY

Twelve-year-old David Newman has more than his share of worries. He must prepare for his upcoming bar mitzvah, find time to play in a short-kids' basketball league, strive to please his very traditional parents, impress Kelly--his dreamgirl classmate, and cope with his grandfather's impending death.

BR 07325



STEVIE THOMAS AND SUSAN CAROL ANDERSON SERIES

LAST SHOT: A FINAL FOUR MYSTERY: STEVIE THOMAS AND SUSAN CAROL ANDERSON SERIES

FEINSTEIN, JOHN

Eighth-graders Steven Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson have won a sports writing contest with a prize trip to New Orleans for the Final Four college basketball tournament. Their reporting becomes sleuthing when they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game. 2005.

DB 60035 (BARD)

VANISHING ACT: STEVIE THOMAS AND SUSAN CAROL ANDERSON SERIES

FEINSTEIN, JOHN

Eighth-grade sports reporters Susan Carol Anderson and Stevie Thomas are covering the U.S. Open tennis championships in New York City. When Russian star Nadia Symanova is kidnapped before her match, Susan Carol and Stevie track down clues and corruption. Sequel to Last Shot (DB 60035 BARD). 2006.

DB 63662 (BARD)

COVER-UP: STEVIE THOMAS AND SUSAN CAROL ANDERSON SERIES

FEINSTEIN, JOHN

Fired from Kid-Sports on USTV, Stevie Thomas goes to the Super Bowl in Indianapolis as a newspaper reporter. He and Susan Carol (still a coanchor) investigate a steroid cover-up planned by one of the competing teams, the California Dreams. Sequel to Vanishing Act (DB 63662). 2007.

DB 67245



CHANGE-UP: MYSTERY AT THE WORLD SERIES : STEVIE THOMAS AND SUSAN CAROL ANDERSON SERIES

FEINSTEIN, JOHN

While covering the World Series in Boston, teenage sports reporters Stevie and Susan Carol, from Cover-Up (DB 67245) interview pitcher Norbert Doyle.

Discrepancies in his life story arouse their suspicions, but Doyle's secrets are not about baseball. 2009.

DB 70540

On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!

QUARTERBACK GAMBLE

GAULT, WILLIAM CAMPBELL

After progressing from quarterback on the Badger Junction high school team to key man on the Deerfield College squad, Jug Elroy gambles on his ability to make it on a professional team.

BR 01805

RUNNING WILD

DYGARD, THOMAS J

Pete Holman, always in trouble, is released from police custody to Coach Wilson on the condition that Pete join the football team. Pete reluctantly agrees, knowing his incorrigible friends will mock him. But, learning he is a natural receiver, he discovers purpose and friendship in being part of the team.

BR 11997

SECOND STRINGER

DYGARD, THOMAS J

All through high school Kevin Taylor has been the backup quarterback to Rob Montgomery, mopping up in the last quarter. When Rob is injured during the first game and out for the season, Kevin has to step up to the challenge. Rob encourages him to succeed.

BR 12219

STORY OF BASEBALL

RITTER, LAWRENCE

A grand-slam introduction to the art and history of baseball. Includes the traditions; the great stars; as well as on hitting, pitching, fielding, and managing. This edition describes later developments such as players' strikes and trades. Including batting records.

BR 05699 DB 48975 (BARD)



STORY OF FOOTBALL

ANDERSON, DAVE

Begins with a history of the game, highlighting important events and the people who shaped the game. Cites special skills needed for the various aspects of play—running, passing, kicking, receiving, blocking, tackling, and coaching. Includes many entertaining anecdotes. Foreword by O.J. Simpson.

BR 06512

SWIMMING: SCIENCE BEHIND SPORTS

HARDMAN, LIZABETH

Explores the scientific principles behind swimming. Discusses the origins, training involved, and potential injuries. Also covers water phobias and competition anxieties. Includes glossary and resources for additional information. 2012.

DB 74656

UNCOMMON CHAMPIONS: FIFTEEN ATHLETES WHO BATTLED BACK

KAMINSKY, MARTY

Portrays fifteen athletes who had the courage to overcome major obstacles in their lives and achieve remarkable success and recognition in a variety of sports. "Seeing Things His Own Way" profiles Erik Weißenmayer whose blindness does not prevent him from being a mountain climber.

BR 13589



WHOLE NEW BALL GAME: THE STORY OF THE ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE

MACY, SUE

A history of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League during and immediately following World War II. (1943-1954). The league was born during a period when the nation's men were away at war and women enjoyed unprecedented freedom.

BR 09473

Grades 9 to 12

ALWAYS CLIMB HIGHER!

PAGELS, JEFF

Paralympian Pagels discusses being paralyzed in a 1984 tree-cutting accident, his recovery, becoming involved in wheelchair sports, and eventually going to the Paralympics in Albertville, France, and winning gold medals. Explains how he then went on to climb mountains using a specialized chair. 2014.

DB 80208

BLUE STAR RAPTURE

BENNETT, JAMES W.

T.J.'s friend Tyron is being courted by college basketball agents. Worried that academically poor Tyron will be taken advantage of, T.J. tries to guide him but then begins feeling guilty about his own motives. Some strong language.

BR 11820



FRONT 4; LET'S MEET AT THE QUARTERBACK

LISS, HOWARD

Believing that both fans and writers often ignore defensive football, the author devotes an entire book to the first line of defense, giving special attention to the front fours of the Giants, Packers, Lions, Cowboys, Rams, Colts, Vikings, and Chiefs. 1971.

BR 02185

IN THE HUDDLE WITH--STEVE YOUNG

CHRISTOPHER, MATT

In this biography of Steve Young, quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers, the author emphasizes that the athlete had to struggle throughout his career to be number one. Through hard work and determination, Young eventually became the starting quarterback while earning a law degree in the off seasons. 1996.

BR 11355



QUEENS OF THE COURT

SULLIVAN, GEORGE

Profiles of famous tennis players: Margaret Court, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert, Evonne Goolagong, Rosemary Casals, and Virginia Wade. Includes the personal qualities that led to stardom, critical moments in their careers, individual playing styles, and tournament records of each.

BR 02988

ROCKIN' STEADY: A GUIDE TO BASKETBALL AND COOL

FRAZIER, WALT

Walt (Clyde) Frazier, one of basketball's most colorful guards, talks about life and style both on and off the court. 1974.

BR 03110

TU LIBRO DE NATACION

JARVIS, MARGARET A

Introduccion a todos los aspectos de la natacion, desde las etapas elementales hasta las competencias. Para adultos y jovenes. (Intro-duction to all aspects of swimming, from elementary principles to racing.) 1966.

DX 12226

UNSTOPPABLE: FROM UNDERDOG TO UNDEFEATED; HOW I BECAME A CHAMPION

ROBLES, ANTHONY

Autobiography of NCAA wrestling champion Anthony Robles from California, who was born with one leg. Highlights the support from family and coaches that enabled him to achieve athletic success. Discusses his winning matches and his career as a motivational speaker and ESPN analyst. 2012.

DB 76138

WHO SAYS I CAN'T: A TWO-TIME CANCER-SURVIVING AMPUTEE AND ENTREPRENEUR WHO FOUGHT BACK, SURVIVED, AND THRIVED

ROSENBERG, JONATHAN B.

Bone cancer cost him his right leg at sixteen and three years later he lost a lung, but nothing could take away the author's drive to not only survive, but to thrive. He has ridden his bicycle three times from Boston to New York City, raised more than \$100,000 by cycling across Massachusetts, and repeatedly swum across San Francisco Bay, all the while building successful tech companies and raising a family. 2009.

DR 04100

YOUNG WOMAN AND THE SEA: HOW TRUDY EDERLE CONQUERED THE ENGLISH CHANNEL AND INSPIRED THE WORLD

STOUT, GLENN

Biography of American swimmer Gertrude Ederle (1906-2003), who in 1926 became the first woman to swim across the English Channel. Discusses her childhood bout with measles that led to permanent hearing loss and describes subsequent achievements, including Olympic medals, world records, and the landmark swim from France to England. 2009.

BR 19668

Senior High and Older

1954: THE YEAR WILLIE MAYS AND THE FIRST GENERATION OF BLACK SUPERSTARS CHANGED MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FOREVER

MADDEN, BILL

Although Jackie Robinson officially broke baseball's color barrier in 1947, sportswriter Madden dates the true integration of the game to 1954. That was the year players like Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, and Ernie Banks took center stage and changed baseball. 2014.

DB 81875

BOYS IN THE BOAT: NINE AMERICANS AND THEIR EPIC QUEST FOR GOLD AT THE 1936 BERLIN OLYMPICS

BROWN, DANIEL

Recounts the accomplishments of nine working-class athletes from the University of Washington who beat elite teams at home and abroad and won the gold medal for rowing at the 1936 Nazi-orchestrated Berlin Olympics. Bestseller. 2013.

DB 77138

BRANCH RICKEY

BRESLIN, JIMMY

Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist's biography of Brooklyn Dodgers manager Branch Rickey (1881-1965), who integrated major league baseball when he signed African American player Jackie Robinson in 1947. Also describes Rickey's invention of the farm system. Some strong language. 2011.

BR 19540

CHICHARITO: LA HISTORIA DE JAVIER HERNANDEZ (CHICHARITO: THE JAVIER HERNANDEZ STORY)

SAMUEL, CHARLES

Chronicles the rise of Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez, international soccer superstar. Discusses his original dismissal for being too diminutive physically and covers his meteoric rise in the sport as a part of the Mexican national team in the 2010 World Cup and as a forward for Manchester United. Spanish language. 2012.

DB 74977

CYCLE OF LIES: THE FALL OF LANCE ARMSTRONG

MACUR, JULIET

A definitive account of the rise and fall of the most famous athlete of our generation, Lance Armstrong, through unprecedented access to the key players in his life, and the investigation into the allegations of systemic doping. Relying on previously unpublished documents, author Juliet Macur reveals how Armstrong managed to perpetuate his myth for so long, the fortress he built to protect his image and upend anyone who got in his way, and why he fell so quickly. Strong language. 2014.

DBC 04893 (BARD) DT 07257



DREAM TEAM: HOW MICHAEL, MAGIC, LARRY, CHARLES, AND THE GREATEST TEAM OF ALL TIME CONQUERED THE WORLD AND CHANGED THE GAME OF BASKETBALL

MCCALLUM, JACK

Sports Illustrated reporter covers the 1992 U.S. gold medal-winning Olympic basketball team--the first ever composed of professionals--from its inception to the medal ceremony in Barcelona.

DB 75291

EARLY LATINO BALLPLAYERS IN THE UNITED STATES: MAJOR, MINOR, AND NEGRO LEAGUES, 1901-1949

WILSON, NICK

Author uses archival materials and interviews to highlight the influence of foreign-born Hispanic players on American baseball teams before the major leagues were integrated by Jackie Robinson. Presents profiles of athletes such as Jose Mendez, Cristobal Torriente, and Roberto Ortiz. 2005.

BR 17463

ESTRELLAS ORIENTALES: COMO EL BEISBOL CAMBIO EL PUEBLO DOMINICANO DE SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS

KURLANSKY, MARK

A profile of San Pedro de Macoris, a rural town in the Dominican Republic that has produced nearly eighty Major League Baseball players. Explores how the love of baseball united a diverse community. Spanish language. 2011

DB 74969



GRAYSON

COX, LYNNE, 1957-

Author recalls an encounter from her teenage years when a baby gray whale followed her during a long-distance training swim along the California coast. Describes communicating with the calf she called Grayson and battling fatigue, fifty-five-degree water, and dehydration to protect him until he was reunited with his mother. Spanish language. 2007.

DX 61064

GRIND: INSIDE BASEBALL'S ENDLESS SEASON

SVRLUGA, BARRY

Assembled and expanded from a series of articles written for the Washington Post about the Nationals baseball team. Examines the challenges players face due to the lengthy baseball season, which, at 162 regular games, is longer than any other American professional sport. Bestseller. 2015

DB 82814

HEISMAN: THE MAN BEHIND THE TROPHY

HEISMAN, JOHN M

Biography of John William Heisman (1869-1936), namesake of the trophy given annually to college football's best player. Traces Heisman's youth in Pennsylvania, undergraduate gridiron career, coaching success, and the innovations he brought to the game. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

DB 76076

HOOPS

MYERS, WALTER DEAN

Skeptical of authority and afraid of emotional commitments, Lonnie Jackson, eighteen, is suspicious of Cal Jones, a former pro basketball player who takes over coaching his Harlem youth team. A friendship slowly develops, and Cal reveals how he was forced to quit the pros for sports betting. Now gamblers are pressuring Cal to fix the tournament by keeping Lonnie on the bench. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language.

BR 06545

IMPERFECT: AN IMPROBABLE LIFE

ABBOTT, JIM

Autobiography of professional baseball pitcher and 1988 Olympic gold-medal winner who was born without a right hand. Abbott discusses his blue-collar Flint, Michigan, childhood spent playing sports; his achievements in the major leagues, including a 1993 no-hitter for the New York Yankees; and his determination to reach the top. 2012.

DB 74896

INTO THIN AIR: A PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF THE MOUNT EVEREST DISASTER

KRAKAUER, JON

A journalist's first-hand report on the ill-fated Mt. Everest expedition of May 1996 in which a freak storm claimed the lives of nine adventurers. Describes the grueling ascent of the climbers, their sense of elation at reaching the peak, and the tragic events that followed. Bestseller. Strong language. 1997.

DB 44525



KIDS GOT IT RIGHT: HOW THE TEXAS ALL-STARS KICKED DOWN RACIAL WALLS

DENT, JIM

In 1965, Texas football was already a way of life, but white and black players rarely mixed - until University of Texas coach Bobby Layne got permission to recruit black players. Yet it would be the unlikely friendship between Jerry LeVias and Bill Bradley - two star players of different races - that would unite the team, break down the color barrier, and change the game forever. Strong language. 2013.

DBC 04856 (BARD) DT 07254

NEWTON'S FOOTBALL: THE SCIENCE BEHIND AMERICA'S GAME

ST. JOHN, ALLEN

Journalist St. John and engineer Ramirez examine the game of football and discuss the behavioral and mechanical science concepts behind it. The authors explore the notion that chaos theory--as explained to them by MacArthur Fellow Stephan Wolfram--is the underpinning for Cincinnati Bengals' coach Sam Wyche's no-huddle. 2013.

DB 78800

PETE ROSE: AN AMERICAN DILEMMA

KENNEDY, KOSTYA

Examines the career of baseball player and manager Rose (born 1941), who was banned from the game in 1989 because of gambling. Details Rose's rise to become one of the premier players of the 1960s and 1970s and his fight for induction into the Hall of Fame. 2014.

DB 78692

PORQUE EL FUTBOL IMPORTA (WHY SOCCER MATTERS)

PELE, 1940-

International soccer legend Pele--born Edson Arantes do Nascimento in Brazil—explores the history of the sport and provides insights into soccer's role connecting and galvanizing players around the world. Spanish language. 2014.

DB 77986

SECRET GAME: A WARTIME STORY OF COURAGE, CHANGE, AND BASKETBALL'S LOST TRIUMPH

ELLSWORTH, SCOTT

The first racially integrated basketball game in the South happened in 1944, during WWII and the Jim Crow era. The Eagles of North Carolina College for Negroes challenged Duke University's military team from the School of Medicine to a secret game that helped usher in a new era for basketball. Unrated.

Commercial audiobook. 2015.

DB 80934

SECRET RACE: INSIDE THE HIDDEN WORLD OF THE TOUR DE FRANCE--DOPING, COVER-UPS, AND WINNING AT ALL COSTS

HAMILTON, TYLER, 1971-

Former Olympic gold medalist Hamilton and sportswriter Coyle, author of Lance Armstrong's War (DB 61196), explore the doping issues surrounding professional cycling. Hamilton describes the widespread use of blood transfusions and performance-enhancing drugs, his 2004 downfall, and the cover-ups involving Lance Armstrong and others. Strong language. 2012.

DB 75595

GET IN THE GAME
READ

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW BASEBALL? A FAN'S GUIDE TO THE OFFICIAL RULES

MELTZER, PETER E., 1958-

Quiz format analyzes the official Major League Baseball rulebook using examples from actual games. Covers the roles of each player on the field, the umpires, and the official scorer; types of equipment allowed; the infield fly rule; and more. 2013.

BR 20225

SQUARED CIRCLE

BENNETT, JAMES W.

Despite his mediocre grades, high school all-American basketball star Sonny Youngblood wins a full college scholarship. Achieving national celebrity, he soon comes under official scrutiny and begins to reexamine his priorities. Strong language and violence. 1995.

BR 10805

UNBROKEN: A WORLD WAR II STORY OF SURVIVAL, RESILIENCE, AND REDEMPTION

HILLENBRAND, LAURA

Author of *Seabiscuit* (DX 51968) details the life of Louis Zamperini (b. 1917), an Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, who survived a plane crash and forty-seven days adrift at sea only to become a POW in Japan. Relates Louis's later religious awakening under Billy Graham's ministry. Violence. Bestseller. 2010.

DX 72129 LB 07524

WHY SOCCER MATTERS

PELE

International soccer legend Pele--born Edson Arantes do Nascimento in Brazil--explores the history of the sport and provides insights into soccer's role connecting and galvanizing players around the world. 2014.

DB 80424

YEAR OF THE DUNK: A MODEST DEFIANCE OF GRAVITY

PRICE, ASHER

Journalist Price decides, as he turns thirty-four, that he will learn how to slam dunk a basketball, despite having no history or particular affinity with athletics. He spends a year getting in shape, studying the physics of jumping, and pondering whether determination can overcome physical limitations. 2015.

DB 82582

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